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CLAIMS

1. A nanostructure in the form of a mixture film which comprises a plurality of cylinders comprising Al as a major constituent, and a matrix region surrounding the plurality of cylinders and comprising Si and/or Ge,

wherein the total amount of Si and Ge is contained in a proportion in the range from 20 to 70 atomic % in the mixture film; the cylinders are orderly arrayed; the diameter of the cylinders is in the range from 1 to 30 nm; and the interval between the cylinders is 30 nm and less.

- 2. The nanostructure according to claim 1, wherein the cylinders are orderly arrayed in a honeycomb array.
- 3. The nanostructure according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the total amount of Si and Ge in the mixture film is in the range from 25 to 65 atomic %.
- 4. The nanostructure according to claim 3, wherein the proportion of the total amount of Si and Ge in the mixture film is in the range from 30 to 60 atomic %.
- 5. The nanostructure according to claim 1,
 wherein the average diameter of the cylinders is in
 the range from 2 to 8 nm.
 - 6. The nanostructure according to claim 1,

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wherein the interval between the cylinders is 10 nm or smaller.

- 7. The nanostructure according to claim 1, wherein the matrix region is comprised of amorphous Si and/or amorphous Ge.
- 8. The nanostructure according to claim 7, wherein the matrix region is amorphous Si.

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- 9. The nanostructure according to claim 1, wherein the matrix region is comprised of amorphous 10 Si and amorphous Ge.
 - 10. The nanostructure according to claim 1, wherein the mixture film is formed on a substrate.
 - 11. An electronic device according to claim 10, comprising wiring on part of the substrate.
- 12. A method of manufacturing a nanostructure in the form of a mixture film having a plurality of cylinders having a diameter in the range from 1 to 30 nm and an interval of 30 nm and less and comprising Al as a major constituent, and a matrix region surrounding the plurality of cylinders and comprising Si and/or Ge, the method comprising the steps of:

forming an ordered region for growing Al with priority on a substrate, and thereafter

forming the mixture film which has Al and Si

25 and/or Ge and in which the total amount of Si and Ge
is contained in a proportion in the range from 20 to
70 atomic %, to fabricate the mixture film.

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- 13. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 12, wherein the ordered region is a region having a honeycomb array or a pattern corresponding to part of the honeycomb array.
- 5 14. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 13,

wherein the honeycomb array or the partial region of the honeycomb array is a graphite array.

- 15. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 12, wherein the ordered region for forming Al with priority includes a projection having Al as a major constituent.
 - 16. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 15, wherein the projection having Al as a major constituent is fabricated by anodization of a film having Al as a major constituent and etching of anodized Al film.
 - 17. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 12, wherein the method of forming the mixture film is a film forming method of forming a substance in a nonequilibrium state.
 - 18. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 17, wherein the film forming method of forming a substance in a nonequilibrium state is sputtering.
 - 19. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 17, wherein the substrate

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temperature in film forming of forming a substance in a nonequilibrium state is 200°C or lower.

- 20. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 12, wherein the total amount of Si and Ge is a proportion in the range from 25 to 65 atomic %.
- 21. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 12, wherein the total amount of Si and Ge is a proportion in the range from 30 to 60 atomic %.
- 22. The method of manufacturing a nanostructure according to claim 12, wherein the matrix region is Si.
- and a second material, characterized in that a columnar member comprised by the first material is surrounded by a region comprised by the second material, that the second material in the structure is contained in a proportion in the range from 20 to 70 atomic % of the total amount of the first material and the second material, and that the columnar member is placed on a growth starting portion provided in advance.
- 24. A method of manufacturing a structure,

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 substrate having a growth stating portion, and a step

 of forming a structure having on the substrate a

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columnar member comprised by a first material and a region comprised by a second material and surrounding the columnar member, the second material being contained in a proportion in the range from 20 to 70 atomic % of the total amount of the first material and the second material in the structure.